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THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.

"Peace on earth, good will to men."

What a world of meaning, what a joy of living, is contained in those simple words on this, the morn of another day which marks the glorious anniversary of He, who this day was born to give up His Life that the world might be saved.

In the thousands of homes where Christmas cheer abounds this morning the significance of the day should not be overlooked. Dispel the mercenary thoughts of gift-giving and give to those about you that love which predominated the mind and spirit of He, in whose memory the day should be held sacred.

While we can in but small part convey to those about us that spirit of love and peace which fills the soul with joyfulness on this Christmas anniversary, yet the measure of true appreciation on your part is recorded, undeffied, in the Ledger of Life.

HEAD OF MATCH TRUST BLAMES FREIGHT.

The trusts have been denounced so much as being the cause of the high prices that they have now begun to pass the blame all along. President O. C. Barber, the millionaire head of the Diamond Match company, says it's not the trusts, nor yet the tariff, but the railroads that are responsible for the high cost of living.

One-half of the railroads' capitalization of \$18,000,000,000 is water, he says. They are collecting \$7,000,000 a day now from the people, which is a tax of \$127 a year on every family, according to his figures. The tariff tax is only \$15 on each family, hence that is a small item, he argues. "Down with freight rates" is his slogan.

GASOLINE ENGINES FOR WARSHIPS.

One of the leading questions now being discussed by naval engineers is whether the internal-combustion or gasoline engine will be practical for vessels of war. The marked success of a new British torpedo boat, 100 feet long, which is run by gasoline and has made about 26 miles an hour, is regarded as an indication that larger war vessels will now be equipped with the same power.

There would be great advantages in a gasoline-driven warship. The engine space of a steam plant and the fuel would occupy only a third of space of coal. The space thus saved could be used for heavier guns, thus increasing the fighting powers of the vessel.

And the absence of smokestacks and smoke would also be a marked improvement. It is reported that several of the naval stations are planning to put gasoline engines into good-sized war vessels as a test.

GUARD AGAINST THE MICE.

Field mice have appeared in Cache Valley and farmers in this vicinity are beginning to note the presence of the little rodents.

We warn our farmers not to delay in applying a remedy for this evil. Nevada had an experience with the field mice that cost millions of dollars. First alfalfa fields were destroyed and then the rodents attacked anything that offered nourishment, including shrubbery, vegetables and everything green. The mice spread from Carson Valley north a hundred miles and invaded the Lovelock farming district.

When the agricultural region was overrun with this destructive pest, an appeal was made to Washington and more than a year of persistent work by the government experts on animal pests was necessary before the mice plague was checked.

Once well established and nested, the field mice multiply with a fecundity astounding. One family becomes several families of six or more within a year and each female member of a family in turn sets up an independent incubator, so that in less than two seasons a geometrical progression has been started that begins to point to countless millions. As they multiply and become overcrowded, the surplus families migrate in every direction, distributing the evil with surprising rapidity. Then it becomes the labor of months to halt the work of devastation.

Now is the time to check the mice plague, before it has grown to large proportions. Government experts should be enlisted, so that their poisoning squads may begin without delay a campaign of annihilation.

POSSIBILITIES OF THE WEST.

John Claflin, of the H. B. Claflin company of New York, has been "out West" and as a result is reassured that the country need not fear the future. The West, with its boundless resources, appeals to him because he has seen it grow and he knows its possibilities.

In a talk at the Waldorf-Astoria, in which he was addressing railway men, he recalled his earlier experiences, saying:

"Thirty-four years ago I hunted through Colorado, then a territory; from the top of Mt. Lincoln I looked down on the wilderness where Leadville afterward was to be; I went down from the mountains westward and southward over great uninhabited plains; day

after day I rode over the sagebrush and the alkali. The government price on the lands I was riding through was then a dollar and a quarter or a dollar and a half an acre. It seemed to me ridiculously high. The prospector came in. He discovered the vast mineral deposits that underlay what afterward became Leadville, and the vast deposits in Aspen.

"The railroad extended to those mines and soon beyond them. The permanent settler followed the railroad and today those arid waste lands, a considerable number of them, are covered by the finest orchards on the face of the earth, and they are saleable for more than \$1,000 an acre.

"Four years later, Colorado having become a state, and unpleasantly populous, I moved up into Wyoming and Montana for my summer outing. The Northern Pacific was not then built. I went out by the Union Pacific to Ogden, and then northward by the Utah Northern, and from a point on that railroad eastward by pack train to the great falls of the Yellowstone. The national park then existed only on the map. The next year the Northern Pacific came to the gateway of the park, and thereafter for many years I hunted on the line of that railway, and I marked the railroad itself and the settlers along its line. Both of them had a pretty hard time, but the railroads had the worst of it.

"I remember a settler said to me one day, rather gleefully, 'I don't believe the railroad is earning its running expenses.' But he wanted a reduction in freight charges, because it was very difficult for him to make a living—and I have no doubt it was. (Laughter.) At that time there was one passenger train and one freight train a day each way partly empty. Fifteen years later that settler was rich, and the railroad was just beginning to see daylight.

"Go out there now. See the evidence of prosperity on every hand, see the irrigated fields, the barns overflowing with produce, the warehouses full of merchandise, trains on the railroads running at frequent intervals filled with passengers and freight.

"Consider this. Consider also the fact that what has been done thus far, all this development, is but a half or a quarter or one-tenth of what can be done and will be done, and come back then, as everybody comes back from the West, feeling that the future of the United States is assured."

Now and then it remains for some Eastern man to remind us of the wonderful transformation which has taken place in this region and point out the vast possibilities as to the future.

Forty years ago the intermountain country was an almost unknown region. The vast wealth in land, timber, coal and water power was passed over as almost worthless and yet any poor man of that period, had he become possessed of a tract of timber or a small area of coal land, and have held onto it, he or his heirs would have reaped a rich reward.

There are as many opportunities today as forty years ago, only the opportunities are not in the same form. For instance, up to a year ago any man could have had his choice of 10,000 dry farms in this region which today are worth thousands of dollars, and they could have been had for the locating.

There are thousands of acres of foothill land near Ogden which will be converted to vineyards twenty years from now. All around us are the raw materials for a great development, and those who now have the foresight to appreciate the value of the undeveloped resources eventually will be counted among the beneficiaries of the glorious West.

D'AULBYS EXONERATED

Tours, France, Dec. 24.—At the opening of court today, in the case of the "Count and Countess" D'Aulby De-Gatigny, the attorneys for the Duchess De Choiseul-Praslin, formerly Mrs. Chase Hamilton, Paine of Boston, announced that they withdrew the complaint and would retire from the case. The public prosecutor, however, insisted that the trial be continued.

This move afforded another surprise in proceedings that had been marked fully by unexpected episodes, dramatic situations and quick changes in the sympathies of the spectators.

When the duchess instituted her suit against the D'Aulbys, charging that they had swindled her out of \$200,000 in connection with the sale of octets alleged to be spurious, she brought an expert to court, who circulated the supposed master pieces, and assailed the character of D'Aulby.

Yesterday business and professional men of standing testified to the honesty and charitable practices of the defendants, but to a conviction that brought tears to the eyes of the crowd in the court room.

D'Aulby, in his own defense, asserted he had acted in good faith. He had not guaranteed the authenticity of the art works and, of they were copies, he too, had been deceived in their purchase.

D'Aulby added that he had befriended the Paines when they were strangers in Paris, acted as a confidential agent for them in the purchase of pictures and wines and eventually became an intimate friend of Mrs. Paine. This statement caused Madame D'Aulby to rise before Judge Roberts and denounce the complainant as one who had sought to destroy the happiness of her home.

The De Aulbys were successful in winning the sympathy of the fashionable folk, who have attended every session of the trial, and today there was a noisy pro-D'Aulby demonstration when M. Streubal, addressing the court, said the duchess wished to abandon the prosecution. Nothing he said had been proved against the D'Aulbys.

M. Bernard, of counsel for the defense, asked the public prosecutor to abandon the prosecution, saying the defendants had promised that the letters alleged to have been written by the Duchess and which he said formed the inspiration of the complaint, would be destroyed.

WRECKAGE TOOK FIRE

Kirkby-Stephen, England, Dec. 24.—Eight passengers were killed, some of them instantly, and the others burned to death, and twenty-five more injured in the wreck of the Scotch express, near Hawley Junction today.

The express carried 500 persons bound for their homes in Scotland to spend Christmas. It was running at its ordinary speed when, near the junction, it collided with a pilot engine and was derailed.

Fire broke out in the wreckage and the whole train, with the exception of the locomotive and a rear baggage car was reduced to ashes. It was thought at first that but two persons had been killed and that the others had had time to escape before the flames swept through the coaches. A search of the debris, however, resulted in the discovery of charred bodies and by the time that the whole wreckage had been gone through, eight bodies had been recovered.

Most of the bodies were burned beyond recognition.

Parents Saw Child Perish.

Among the dead was a little girl who perished in the flames before the eyes of her parents, who were helpless to save her.

The scene of the accident was high up in the Pennine hills, the loftiest section traversed by railways in England. The isolation of the wreck caused some delay before physicians could reach the place.

TELEPHONES AFTER SHOOTING HIMSELF

New York, Dec. 24.—After firing a bullet into his head, John Rice propped himself on his elbow on the floor and, calling for the telephone receiver, resumed a conversation he had been holding with a young woman at the other end of the line.

"You should see me now, Ray," he said. "I'm an awful mess."

This episode took place in the Chatham club early today. Rice was sitting with several friends when suddenly he jumped up and went to the phone.

"Is that you, Ray?" he inquired, when the ring was answered, and then after he had the reply he said: "I'm going to do it."

With that he pulled a revolver from his pocket, and placing the revolver at his ear fired. Rice dropped to the floor and resumed his telephone conversation.

It was said at the hospital that he had an even chance for life, but he would not say why he had tried to kill himself.

SIX DEAD IN TWO ROOMS

Kenton, O., Dec. 24.—Six people, two women and four men, were found dead today in two rooms in a building at the rear of the opera house.

The Dead:
MR. AND MRS. CLARK LATHAM.
PEARL KENNEDY.
WILLIAM KENNEDY.
HARRY NEWCOMB.
MISS ELIZABETH BAILEY.

Were Asphyxiated.
The clerk of the restaurant on the first floor received no response to his repeated calls and went to the rear room and saw four of the bodies lying about the room.

It is supposed the fumes from a gas stove killed all six persons.

Latham was found lying on the floor, while his wife was sitting in a chair and had fallen forward upon a table.

Newcomb was on one side of the room and the Bailey girl on the other. Both had fallen backwards when overcome by the fumes.

All the parties in the room were dressed while the two Kennedys who were regular roomers in the building, were in bed and were evidently overcome while asleep.

GOING BACK TO GERMANY

New York, Dec. 24.—After living forty-nine years in America, Alma L. Schmidt of Terre Haute, Ind., is journeying back to Germany. In deserting the country which had been for so long her home, Miss Schmidt took with her the remains of all her relatives who have died in this country. This she did because she did not want to be separated from them in death.

On board the liner with her, placed in a large coffin, are the bodies of her father, mother, brother and sister, which will be buried in a plot close to the old home in Germany.

Miss Schmidt's father was Carl F. Schmidt, who went to Terre Haute as a pioneer, and accumulated wealth in real estate. After his death and the death of her mother, she became a widow and decided to return to her native land.

WIDOW AND ORPHAN TO BE CARED FOR

Chicago, Dec. 24.—The relief committee organized to collect money for the families of the firemen who lost their lives in the stock yards fire Thursday have fixed \$250,000 as the goal.

The number of dependents resulting from the disaster is about 100. If the funds suffice, therefore, the arrangements for financial aid will provide \$2,000 to each widow, to be invested so that she may enjoy the income therefrom during her lifetime, after which it will go to the children or other dependents of the dead firemen. For every child left fatherless, the same sum is provided.

The principle to be paid when the beneficiary has reached the age of 21 years. Money for present needs will be given at once, debts will be paid and if any fireman's home has a mortgage it will be lifted, so that his family may live as usual and without interest burdens.

A CHRISTMAS GIFT

A snowflake fell to earth one Christmas night,
And rested on a cold, gray window sill
Where other snowflakes clustered fast, until
Their whiteness filled the misty air with light;
And, lo! this beacon gladdening weary sight,
Fell like the sound of joy bells born to thrill
Each soul with love, or by the Saviour's will
A holly wreath with crimson berries bright.

A blessing fell to earth one Christmas Eve,
And rested on the doorstep of a heart,
Which conquered lay, nor ever ceased to brave;
Beneath the crown of thorns—a love-sent dart,
A crown that erstwhile blossomed full and free,
With leaves and berries for eternity.

—GLADYS RICH, 12, Sacred Heart Academy, Ogden, Utah.

DRY TOWN SUDDENLY BECOMES A WET ONE

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 24.—The joy of temperance advocates over the conversion of North Adams from the ranks of the salubrious cities to those of the no-licensers, indicated by the vote at the annual city election last Tuesday, was short lived, for a recount has just shown a majority of 7 votes for licenses.

When the voters were first counted they gave a majority of 1 vote for no license. The discovery of four defective ballots practically decided the result. The vote as recorded gives: Yes, 1,480; no, 1,473.

EXPRESS COMPANIES MUST CUT THEIR RATES

Ottawa, Dec. 24.—The Canadian railway commission has directed the express companies of the Dominion to file lower tariff rates within three months.

The commission declares express rates are too high and that as the express companies are owned by the railway companies, there is no occasion for the existence of separate companies to handle the express business.

READ THE CLASSIFIED PAGE.

Make This An Electrical Christmas

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MORE FRAUD DISCLOSED NEW KING IS TO RACE

New York, Dec. 24.—The American Sugar Refining company will shortly hand to the United States government a check for \$700,000 in settlement of a further series of customs frauds, according to the New York Herald today. This will bring the total amount recovered from this company up to nearly \$3,000,000.

This latest settlement is in connection with the so-called "drawback" frauds, which have been under investigation since the original customs frauds were detected two years ago, as a result of the disclosures made by Richard Parr. The "drawback" cases grew out of the abuses of the tariff provision whereby the government pays back to importers all but one per cent of the duty paid on imported sugar when the sugar is imported after being manufactured.

It was alleged that the government has been paying back to the company more than it should during the last nine years. It is expected that a formal offer from the sugar company of the \$700,000 agreed upon by Collector Loeb will be forwarded to the treasury department following a meeting of the sugar company's directors next Tuesday.

SOUTH AFRICA HAS ITS PROBLEMS

New York, Dec. 24.—After a journey of about 12,000 miles, A. Welr Mason, one of the justices of the supreme court of the new union of South Africa, is in New York to spend Christmas with his son, who is a student at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Justice Mason left Pretoria on November 19. He will return early in January.

"I doubt very much whether the American population of South Africa is increasing," said Justice Mason in answer to a question. "One reason is that we are now growing our own men. The big lines of development have been laid down. The American engineers who were responsible have done the big work and many have left the country. Naturally there are fewer coming in."

"South Africa is an interesting country. We are more especially concerned over a problem with which you have had to deal in this country—What are the proper relations between blacks and whites? In our country the former are nearly five to one. They represent all ages. We are always looking to America to see how you are progressing toward the solution of this difficult problem. In many parts of South Africa, polygamy between the blacks is recognized by statute."

GREAT NUMBER OF INSANE IN FEDERAL HOSPITALS

Washington, Dec. 24.—The population of the government hospital for the insane here on June 30, 1910, was 2,916, an increase over the previous year of 64 patients according to the annual reports of the superintendent of that institution made public by the secretary of the interior today.

Admissions during the year totaled 650, an increase of 41 over the year before. The number of discharged patients during the year showed an increase over the year 1908-09 of 14, the total number of discharged for the year being 586.

Male whites made up the major portion of the population of the hospital, with female whites second. The number of male whites in the hospital on June 30 was 1,802; female whites, 458; male colored 291, and female colored, 265.

New York, Dec. 24.—American turfmen will be interested to know that King George of England intends to follow the example of his father by active participation in racing. After the death of King Edward, those of his majesty's horses which were in training were run in the name of Lord Derby, but this arrangement will not be continued next summer, and the royal racers will be entered in the king's name and will be run in his majesty's colors.

The latest issue of the English racing calendar, the official journal of the Jockey club, contains details of the entries for next season's meetings that have been already entered on behalf of the king. The arrangements relate to the New Market, Second October, Bath, Bilibury club, Doncaster, Gatwick October, Hurst Park, Whitson, Newbury Summer and Sandown Park first summer meeting. His majesty also subscribes to several important weight for age races to be decided in 1912 and 1913.

RUDYARD KIPLING ON MEDICINE HAT

Ottawa, Ontario, Dec. 24.—Rudyard Kipling, according to a special dispatch from Medicine Hat, has written a characteristic letter to citizens of that place after being informed that the town contemplated changing its name.

"So far as I can make out from what I heard when I was with you in 1907, and from the clippings you enclose," Mr. Kipling writes, "the chief arguments for the change are: '1. That some United States journalists have some sort of joke that Medicine Hat supplies all the bad weather of the United States, and '2. That another name would look better on the head of a prospectus.'"

"Now, as to the charge of brewing bad weather, etc., I see no reason on earth why white men should be blamed out of their city's brightness by an imported joke. Accept the charge joyously and proudly and go better to the head of a prospectus. The one city officially recognized as capable of freezing out the United States and giving the continent cold feet. 'Believe me, the very name is an asset, and as years go on will become more and more of an asset. It has no doubt the world makes men ask questions and has the qualities of uniqueness, individuality, association and power. Above all, it is the lawful, original, sweat-and-dust-won name of the city, and to change it would be to risk the luck of the city, to disgust and disenchant old timers, to let the city alone, but the world over, and to advertise abroad the city's lack of faith in itself.'"

HELD BY ONE HAND UNTIL RESCUED

Denver, Dec. 24.—Plunging from the eighth story of a building, upon which he was at work, H. W. Tatton, a carpenter, yesterday stopped his fall by catching a steel girder on the floor below and hung suspended by one hand for twenty minutes before he was rescued from his perilous position, seventy feet above the pavement.

Tatton kept his head and directed his rescuers, finally placing the noose of a lowered rope about him with his free hand.

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